

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3(MLV)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Offered: 2/21/01

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATORS LEMAN, Kelly, Wilken, Cowdery, Taylor, Pearce

REPRESENTATIVES Murkowski, Masek, Foster, Green, Wilson, James, Harris

A RESOLUTION

1 **Relating to the deployment of F-22 Raptor aircraft at Elmendorf Air Force Base.**

2 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 **WHEREAS** the United States Air Force is developing the F-22 Raptor to replace
4 many of the United States Air Force's aging F-15 aircraft as the United States' front-line air
5 superiority fighter; and

6 **WHEREAS** the F-22 Raptor combines the capability for low-range observation,
7 supercruise capability, increased range, and enhanced offensive and defensive avionics to give
8 its pilots first-look, first-shot, and first-kill capability against the aircraft of a potential enemy;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS** the F-22 Raptor is being developed to counter lethal threats posed by
11 advanced surface-to-air missile systems and next-generation fighters equipped with launch-
12 and-leave missiles; and

13 **WHEREAS** the F-22 Raptor is widely regarded as the most advanced fighter in the
14 world, and has reduced support requirements and maintenance costs; and

15 **WHEREAS** the United States Air Force plans to begin deploying the F-22 Raptor in
16 2005 and to procure 339 F-22 Raptor aircraft by the end of 2013; and

1 **WHEREAS** military aircraft in Alaska deploy anywhere on the globe on short notice
2 to deliver whatever ordnance or capability is required; and

3 **WHEREAS** the United States Air Force is in the process of completing the
4 environmental analysis necessary to deploy the F-22 Raptor in an area, and this analysis will
5 cover the use of land in the area, the air space available above the area, the ability to train in
6 the area, the safety of deploying in the area, the socioeconomic effects of deployment on the
7 area, the biological and cultural resources of the area, the effects of noise on the area, the
8 effects of deployment on the quality of air and water in the area, and the cumulative effects of
9 deployment on the area; and

10 **WHEREAS** impact ranges and areas for military land training maneuvers are located,
11 for the most part, directly underneath Alaska air space and provide excellent opportunities for
12 joint military training; and

13 **WHEREAS** Elmendorf Air Force Base has an excellent record of environmental
14 compliance and cooperation with its surrounding communities; and

15 **WHEREAS** Alaska's strategic location for the defense of North America and for joint
16 training and experimentation opportunities together with unmatched community support, have
17 been frequently noted by senior military leaders in Alaska, as well as civilian and military
18 leaders at the highest levels;

19 **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Alaska State Legislature encourages the United States
20 Air Force to select Elmendorf Air Force Base for deployment of the F-22 Raptor to
21 complement existing defense capabilities.

22 **COPIES** of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Donald Rumsfeld, United
23 States Secretary of Defense; the Honorable F. Whitten Peters, Secretary of the Air Force;
24 Lieutenant General Norton A. Schwartz, Commander, Alaskan Command, U.S. Air Force;
25 Admiral Dennis C. Blair, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command, U.S. Navy; and to the
26 Honorable Ted Stevens and the Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the
27 Honorable Don Young, U.S. Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.